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California Walnut Commission**

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**JOINT MEETING OF
CALIFORNIA WALNUT BOARD and
CALIFORNIA WALNUT COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, September 16, 2015
9:30 a.m.**

**Marriott Hotel
Los Angeles/San Francisco Ballrooms
11211 Point East Drive
Rancho Cordova, CA 95742
Contact: Dana Hull (916) 932-7070**

AGENDA

- A. Call to Order (Jerry Siebert, interim CWB Chairperson; William Tos, interim CWC Chairperson)
- B. Roll Call (Dennis Balint)

Board Members

Jerome Siebert, Ph.D., Chairperson
William D. Carriere
David Keyawa
Robert Driver
Jerry Moore
Donald Norene
Eric Heidman
Jack Mariani
Mike Poindexter
Frank Guerra

Commission Members

William Tos, Chairperson
Donald Norene
Todd Ramos
Carl Cilker
Pat Mecklenburg
Gordon Heinrich
Bert Crane
Dave Baker
Ray Perez
William Crain
William Carriere
Martin Mariani
Jerome B. Siebert, Ph.D.

Board Alternates

Rachael Goodhue, Ph.D.
Matthew Conant
Michael Petz
Lisa Warner
William Tos
John Kuster
Steve Lindsay
John Aguiar
Aaron Martella
Bruce Beard

Commission Alternates

Robert Lea
John J. Gilbert
Sandra Mitchell
David Keyawa
Mat Conant
Atanacio "Nacho" Martin, Jr.
Robert Driver
Jonathan Graves
Gary Hester
Charles Crain
R. L. "Pete" Turner
Jack Mariani
Rachael Goodhue, Ph.D.

- C. Approval of Minutes of the joint CWB/CWC Meeting on June 4, 2015 **Board & Commission Action**
- D. Nomination and Election of CWB Public Member & Alternate **Board Action**
- E. Nomination and Election of CWC Public Member & Alternate **Commission Action**
- F. Nominations and Appointments of CWB Positions:
- 1) Chairperson **Board Action**
 - 2) Vice Chairperson **Board Action**
 - 3) Secretary **Board Action**
 - 4) Treasurer **Board Action**
- G. Nominations and Appointments of CWC Positions:
- 1) Chairperson **Commission Action**
 - 2) Vice Chairperson **Commission Action**
 - 3) Secretary **Commission Action**
 - 4) Treasurer **Commission Action**
- H. Report of the CWB / CWC Market Development Committees (Jack Mariani/Bob Lea)
- 1) Domestic Marketing Activities (Jennifer Olmstead/Kira O'Donnell)
 - 2) Export Marketing Activities (Michelle McNeil/Jennifer Williams)
- I. Health Research Update and Review (Carol Berg Sloan)
- 1) Recent Activity
 - 2) Scientific Advisory Council Meeting Report
 - 3) New Health Research Proposals **Commission Action**
- J. Objective Crop Forecast – CASS (Travis Averill) **Board Action**
- K. Production of Competing Tree Nuts (Dennis Balint)
- L. Walnut Production Estimates of Foreign Suppliers & Walnut Import Analysis (Dennis Balint)
- M. Review of the 2014/2015 Utilization (Dennis Balint)
- N. Marketing Policy Estimates and Recommendations (Dennis Balint)
- 1) Total Supply Subject to Regulations
 - 2) Trade Demand for Inshell Walnuts (Export and Domestic)
 - 3) Desirable Inshell Inventory August 31, 2016
 - 4) Trade Demand for Shelled Walnuts (Export and Domestic)
 - 5) Desirable Shelled Inventory August 31, 2016
 - 6) Free and Reserve Tonnage – **Recommendation of the Export Committee**
 - 7) Determination of Export Percentage
 - 8) Marketing Policy **Board Action**
- O. Board's Opinion Whether Parity will be Exceeded **Board Action**
(If Export Committee Recommends 100% Free Tonnage, skip items P & Q)
- P. Recommendation to the Secretary of Agriculture for Volume, Grade and Size Regulations.....RESOLUTION, Page 18 **Board Action**
- Q. Volume Regulations
- Authority to Execute Export Agreements and Approve Export Sales for Reserve Walnuts.....RESOLUTION, Page 22

Authority to Execute Contracts for the
Disposition of Reserve Pool Walnuts..... RESOLUTION, Page 23

Authority for Executive Director to Execute
Contracts for Disposition of Substandard Walnuts..... RESOLUTION, Page 24

Final Distribution of Proceeds from
Substandard Pooled Walnuts..... RESOLUTION, Page 25

- R. Report of the CWB Production Research Committee (Bob Driver)
- S. Report of the Budget & Personnel Committees (Bill Carriere/Bill Tos)
- T. Report of the CWB Grades & Standards Committee (Bill Carriere)
 - 1) Summary of G&S meeting held 8/11/15 (Bill Carriere)
 - 2) Food Safety Research Projects 2015/16 (Carl Eidsath)
 - 3) FSMA Update (Abhi Kulkarni)
 - 4) Phosphite/Fosetyl-Al Update (Abhi Kulkarni)
- U. Farm Bureau Drought Campaign (Dennis Balint)
- V. Strategic Planning Meeting – January 26-28, 2016 (Dennis Balint)
- W. Other Business
- X. Time and Place of Next Meeting
- Y. Executive Session (California Walnut Board) /Closed Session (California Walnut Commission)
Closed Session regarding pending litigation and/or the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, or dismissal of an employee pursuant to California Government Code Section 11126(a)
- Z. Adjournment

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